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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 3117

PRETORIA FOR LOW

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: RH ZA MORG MPOL

SUBJ: RHODESIA: ZAMBIANS APPEAL TO WESTERN FIVE TO HEAD OFF  
RHODESIAN ATTACK

1. FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE CONTACTED CHARGE AT 2115 HOURS LOCAL  
TO APPEAL FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE IN WARDING OFF AN ATTACK FROM  
RHODESIA. FORNMIN, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA,  
SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAD CONCRETE EVIDENCE THAT RHODESIA WAS  
PLANNING AN IMMINENT ATTACK ON ZAMBIA IN RETALIATION FOR THE  
SHOOTING DOWN OF THE RHODESIAN VISCOUNT. ZAMBIA HAD IN FACT  
HAD NO PART IN SHOOTING DOWN OF VISCOUNT OR IN ANYTHING WHICH  
OCCURED SUBSEQUENTLY. ZAMBIA WAS WORKING FOR AND DEDICATED TO  
A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA. IN THE NAME OF PRESIDENT  
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KAUNDA, MWALE WAS APPEALING TO THE WESTERN FIVE NATIONS TO  
PREVAIL UPON RHODESIA NOT TO ATTACK ZAMBIA.

2. WHEN ASKED, MWALE EITHER COULD NOT OR WOULD NOT PROVIDE  
DETAILS OF CONCRETE EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO HIM. HE ALSO DID NOT  
CITE SPECIFIC TARGET OF ATTACK.

3. MWALE'S CALL CAME ON THE HEELS OF VISIT BY PAO TO THE CHARGE. PAO HAD JUST BEEN INFORMED BY WESTERN CORRESPONDENT THAT HIS OFFICE IN SALISBURY WAS REPORTING THAT SMITH HAD MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WOULD BE TAKING DRAMATIC STEPS IN RESPONSE TO CHANGING SITUATION IN RHODESIA. JOURNALIST FRIEND HAD ALSO JUST BEEN CALLED BY NKOMO TO SUGGEST THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE THE TIME TO SHOW SHOTS OF ZAPU GUERRILLA CAMPS ON BBC.

4. COMMENT: ZAMBIANS FEARS ARE CLEARLY REAL. NKOMO'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF ZAPU RESPONSIBILITY FOR SHOOTING DOWN THE VISCOUNT MUST HAVE SENT SHOCK WAVES THROUGH STATE HOUSE. TIMES OF ZAMBIA OPEN LETTER TO SMITH OF THIS MORNING PROBABLY SHOULD BE READ AS PART OF AN ATTEMPT TO ASSURE SMITH OF ZAMBIA'S GOOD INTENTIONS REGARDING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN THE HOPE THAT THIS MIGHT WARD OFF RETALIATORY ATTACK.  
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